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Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Rickey D. Hart et al.
For: SURGICAL FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE SAME

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 34 sheets of drawings.
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to: _____
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status.
- ☒ REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Small Entity				Large Entity		
For:	No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$355.00		\$790.00
Total Claims	38 - 20	18	x \$ 9.00	0.00	x \$18.00	324.00
Ind. Claims	14 - 3	11	x \$40.00	0.00	x \$ 80.00	880.00
Mult. Claims			+ \$130.00		+ \$260.00	
Total				\$1994.00		

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- ☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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- ☐ The issue fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b).
- ☐ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE REQUESTED FILING OF RULE 1.53(B)
CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION BASED ON
THE FOLLOWING PENDING PRIOR PATENT APPLICATION:

In re Application of: Rickey D. Hart et al.
Serial No.: 09/340,584
Filing Date: 06/28/99
Title: SURGICAL FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD
FOR USING THE SAME
Group Art Unit: 3731
Examiner: W. Lewis
Attorney's Docket No.: INNO-15 CON 2

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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FILING OF PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

The attached Rule 1.53(B) continuation application is being filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10.

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REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION

This is a request for filing a continuation application, in accordance with Rule 1.53(B), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/340,584, filed 06/28/99 by Rickey D. Hart and John T. Rice for SURGICAL FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING SAME, which is in turn a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/174,814, filed 10/19/98 by Rickey D. Hart and John T. Rice for SURGICAL FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME, which is in turn a continuation of prior application Serial No. 08/560,111, filed 11/17/95 by Rickey D. Hart and John T. Rice for SURGICAL FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME.

Submitted with this request are the following:

1. A true copy of said prior application Serial No. 08/560,111 (including specification, claims, drawings, a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY BUSINESS, and an ASSIGNMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECORDATION of same) as originally filed;

2. An AFFIDAVIT by the undersigned attorney of record verifying that the enclosed copy of said prior application Serial No. 08/560,111 is a complete and true copy; and

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4. A mailing certificate indicating that this submittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service on June 6, 2001 as provided for under 37 CFR 1.10.

The inventors named in this continuation application are the same inventors named in the prior application Serial No. 09/340,584.

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A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for filing in said prior copending application.

All communications in this matter should be addressed to:

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Thank you.

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AFFIDAVIT VERIFYING APPLICATION

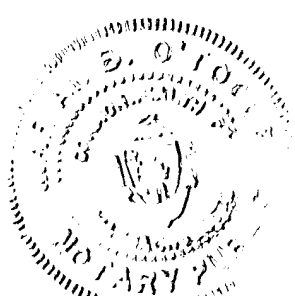
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Middlesex

I, James A. Sheridan, being duly registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and being duly sworn, depose and state that: I am attorney of record in the above-identified pending prior application Serial No. 09/340,584 filed 06/28/99, which is in turn a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/174,814, filed 10/19/98 by Rickey D. Hart and John T. Rice for SURGICAL FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME, which is in turn a continuation of prior application Serial No. 08/560,111, filed 11/17/95 by Rickey D. Hart and John T. Rice for SURGICAL FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME, and that the enclosed application is a true and complete copy of the above-identified prior application Serial No. 08/560,111 as filed, and that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior patent application Serial No. 08/560,111 introduced new matter therein.

James A. Sheridan 6/6/01
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Sworn to before me this 6th day of June, 2001.

Marian B. O'Toole
Notary Public
My commission expires: 11/17/06



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	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)
FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	38 - 20 =	18
INDEP CLAIMS	14 - 3 =	11
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*If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 1

SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	FEE	OR	RATE	FEE
	\$ 375.	OR		\$ 750.
x 11 =	\$198.	OR	x 22 =	\$
x 39 =	\$429.	OR	x 78 =	\$
\$125 =	\$ 0	OR	\$250 =	\$
TOTAL	\$1002	OR TOTAL		\$

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